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## FORTHCOMING SUPPLEMENT

A supplement updating the regulations contained in this booklet may be released in May 2003. The supplement will update the ocean and inland salmon regulations and any regulations that have changed since the publication of this years' Freshwater Sport Fishing regulation book. The supplement will not contain the complete set of regulations contained in the Freshwater and Ocean Sport Fishing Regulation books, so please retain your copy.

## Free Fishing Days

**June 7** and

**September 27, 2003**

On these days only, **ALL** regulations apply-- but **no** license is required for sport fishing

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

For specific information, consult the Table of Contents and headings throughout the booklet. Section numbers in the left hand margins will help you find cross references.

If you still have questions, contact the nearest office of the Department of Fish and Game.

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## Public Participation in the Commission's Regulatory Process

The Fish and Game Commission is composed of up to five members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the State Senate. In addition to formulating general policies for the conduct of the Department of Fish and Game, and regulating aspects of commercial fishing, the Commission sets hunting and sport fishing regulations including seasons, bag limits and methods and areas of take. In every odd-numbered year, the Commission devotes its early August, October, November and December meetings to recommendations for changes in the sport fishing regulations. The public may make recommendations in writing at or before the early August meeting or give its proposals orally at this meeting. These proposals are discussed at the October and November meetings.

Only proposals received by the early August meeting are considered. The Commission *may* receive additional testimony at the December meeting prior to adoption of the new regulations. The Commission's meeting schedule, including dates and location are posted on the web site at [www.dfg.ca.gov/fg\\_comm](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/fg_comm). Written comments can be directed to the Fish and Game Commission at 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1320, Sacramento, CA 95814, or by e-mail to [fgc@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:fgc@dfg.ca.gov).